

Things for Wichita to Think About. No man could have been a better conservator of the for-Runes of Wichits than has Mayor Ross for the past two

That deciaration covers everything, and as it cannot be gainsaid it is worth thinking about. It is certain that this kity never had a better, a more economical or an all-around knore successful management of its municipal affairs.

It would be, from any point of view, a very difficult un Mertaking to select a candidate from among all the available men in this city who could possibly fill the position for the mert two years so satisfactorily as Finlay Ross has for the mast two. Certainly no representative of any faction could to so. That is another thing worth thinking about

If it is true, therefore, that nobody could have done bether, and questionable if anybody would do as well, the respensibility rests with those who refuse to support him to asrign some reason that will pass muster among sensible people why they are for somebody or for anybody else. And what is another thing to think about

It is true that Finlay Ross has given all his time, for two years past, to the interests of the city. But so he will for the next two. And pobody questions his capacity or success as a business man. He will have no store to look after, no matrons to conciliate, nor will he be tempted to use the influence of his administration to boister up his own private s, for he has none, and has had none since he under took looking after the business of the city. Nor will be go back into business as long as he remains in the office of mayor. His time, talents and experience as a business man have been ungrudgingly given the city, and will be. And these are additional things to think about.

But that which more, if not most, concerns every citizen interested in the present and future welfare of Wichita is the question of the faithful collection and wise disbursement of its revenues. Not only is every taxpayer and busines man, but every home-owner, as every right-minded individual opposed to the contributing or the wrongful and unwarrunted giving out, or the squandering, of public monies, of funds which should be expended in paying honest obligations and in making permanent improvements, to or upon favorites or for the advancement of the political fortunes of those who happen to be in office. Not only has Ross collected every cent beloonging to the city treasury, securing additional thousands of dollars which the average mayor (would have let allp through his fingers, but he has not perfitted a single cent to go in the way of patronage to politimal cliques, not a cent to better his own chances, nor a cent for questionable jobs of any character. And that is another thing which should not be forgotten by any man, we care not what his politics may be, or what his social leanings or his fraternal obligations.

As the Eagle set forth in its Sunday morning's issue in specific items and in named amounts. Finlay Ross as a | that more than half of the number will be found within sixty anayor, giving his whole time and attention to the business payers of Wichita thousands upon thousands of dollars, every Mollar of which has been legally and satisfactorily accounted for. For street work and improvements, sidewalk building, Sabor on Riverside Park, and sewer labor, his administration has paid out in the last year, in round numbers, \$30,000 mine-tenths of which, as shown by the books, has gone to mechanics, teamsters and laborers of various kinds. He probably could not have done this so completely satisfactory had he been looking after his own private business, leaving at to subordinate officers to look after the city.

Not counting the amounts of the collections made by him, aggregating a good many thousands of dollars, a large per cent of which collections have beretofore mysteriously disappeared between the time the men who paid and the time of its reaching the treasury, every cent of which under ss turned up all right and on the credit side of the city's ledger, leaving out these saved sums which were employed to reduce the city's indebtedness for another article in which every Collar will be set forth, the savings which he made for the city, and which he could not have made had he been engaged in his own private business, amount in a sum total of \$24,679.31. He saved \$7,000 interest money by refunding bonds at a lower rule; he saived \$5,679.31 on light contracts alone, and he saved \$12,000 in forfiltures, forfeitures which would never have been put up but for him. These savings alone should entitle him to the voto of every man and woman in the city. This showing alone would insure his reelection in any ordinary community by an overwhelming majority, if not unanimously. In nine out of ten cities such a record would preclude the nomination or candidacy of any

But these sums of money saved, collected and disbursed, in the absence of any hint of crookedness or suspicion of double dealing, and all of which practically went for the betterment of the city, were outside and in a sense incidental to his masterful and falthful administration. Besides the school funds and the various other funds levied and collected in due course, in the way of taxes, the Ross administration the first year paid off and cancelled \$83,682.13 of outstanding bondtd and other indebtedness, and this the last or plosing year of his administration \$65,885.35 of additional bonded indebtedness, or a total of \$129,569.67 of debt wiped out. In a very few years, with such a mayor and such a successful administration, the city would not only be out of debt, with its fine parks perfected and its street improvements completed and paid for, but taxation would be re duced one-half. And that is another thing to think about,

The Eagle undertakes to say that, financially considered, Wichita never had so successful an administration; coupled

with the further conviction that no city in the state in all its history can make so gratifying or commendable

Speaking of the city's finances and the improvements made, and of the probabilities of a renewed growth and a subsequent advance of values under a continuation of such ple, it might also be well to refember that Wichita has been years, and that during the Ross administration confidence property within a mile and a half of the corners of Douglas ing. We do not claim that all the credit of this is due the our municipal debt can be wiped out and taxes lowered has

## Five Hundred Quarts of Champagne.

How the average Kansas Democratic mouth will water pagne has been ordered for consumption at the Democratic when he learns that five hundred quarts of extra dry chambanquet which is to come off on the night of March 80, at Topeka where a host of Democratic party leaders who regularly vote the Pop ticket, while gulping down Pomery Sec and hot toddles are to be addressed by William Jennings Bryan and Chairman Jones of the United States central committee. The other thousands of staunch Jayhawk followers the Pops. In the meanwhile up at the banquet party pop will go the bottles while the Pop party will be done up-in

The Santa Fe Has Cheap Sleepers, Too.

The Eagle the other day editorially alluded to the fact that "he Baltimore and Ohio Railway is arranging to put on a lower priced sleeper, or a berth for a night for a dollar. The west leads always and in evtrything. The Baltimore and Ohio is but patterning after the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe, which road is running, and has been running for some time, tourist sleepers, built by Pullman, from Chicago fortable and clean beds as the first class eleepers, at half me to despair, for if you laugh thus, it the price. The only perceptible difference is that the tourist is only to show your teeth. You know how sleeper is upholstered in rattan instead of plush and there is no carpet between the seats. For summer travel they are cooler and more comfortable than the stuffy, hot plush affairs It is discouraging, at last. Ask me what you want, but do not ask me not to for which \$2.00 is charged,

Cuba Not Thickly Settled.

The further one goes from the targer centers in Cuba the less manifest become the signs of activity, writes a correspondent of the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. This is due, largely, to the self-evident reason of smaller population to given area. Assuming \$00,000 as the approximate population of the four western provinces of Cuba, it is probable miles of Havana, that city being, of course, included. Be- wards you may laugh as much as you yond that zone, except in the vicinity of established towns please." and villages, one may travel scores for miles without seeing a house or a human being. The greater portion of the territory within that zone finds its commercial and industrial focus in Havana, with which the most of it is connected by railroads or by very well made calzadas, over which one may drive or ride with entire comfort.

## A Man of the People.

The mother of President Loubet of France is an aged peasant woman who feeds her poultry herself every day and who believes that the elevation of he, son to the presidency was a great misfortune for him. The honest brother-in-law of the new president of France says he is sorry that Loubet was elected for now it will be impossible to see much of him and all of his relatives will miss him sorely. Loubet is a man of the people in every sense of the word. He is the first peasant to be elected to the presidency of France. His birth and early circumstances were as humble and unpretentious as those of Grant or Garfield t In this respec France has a unique president.

It was not politics, it was business, that refunded bonds at a saving of \$7,000 to the city. It was not politics, it was business, that gained \$12,600 forfeits for the city. It was not politics, it was business, that saved nearly \$6,000 on lights. It was not politics, it was business, that gained more money to hire more men to improve the city more and Which way are you going to vote-for politics or for

Should there be a penalty or a reward for the official who has gained money for the city, who has accounted for every cast of the revenue, who has improved the city, who has saved here and there and managed shrewdly? Should your vote be for or against him?

Can you point out another mayor in the United States who has made a saving of nearly \$6,000 in lights alone in clearer it became to him that he had himthe last year. Mayor Ross has done it. Are you going to vote for his continuance, or against him?

Are you going by your vote to approve of honesty or not? Do you realize that it is a frequent remark in politics that "honesty makes a man unpopular?" Are you going to she answered

What it has needed the past two years is business. What tooth replaced." it needs for the next two years is business. Will you vote Which is of more interest to you, the continued business

Wichita will have politics for the next hundred years,

administration of Wichita or the distribution of jobs? Is here a demand in Wichita for more and more politics and less and less business? Turn Wichita over to a scramble for office and contr

for congressional politics and watch the improvements fade away. Defeat Mayor Ress and see a verification of this. Have you heard of a single job a single disreputable act, a single "steal" during Mayor Ross administration? Do you

notice how allent the opposition is on this score? Do you notice how much mud and abuse is being thrown at Mayor Ross? Do you notoice how not a single act of his

is questioned by the opposition? Are you in favor of a man who wants to make Wichita a city, or in favor of a man who wants to make it a political spring-board for bimself?

Do you own a home in this city? Has it during Mayor Ross' administration increased in price? Do you want to kick the fat into the fire?

Wichita warns more solid improvements built and fewer political fences.

The Tooth,

One of the new schools, the one that permits the use of an adjective only if it dates from the thirteenth century, pre-tends that the young widows were buried with Scribe. This opinion could scarcely be a serious one, and statistics would refute it victoriously.

not given ball and is still in the jail at Taloga. Be that as it may, I know that there is still a young wodow near by here, in a hotel of the Rue Monceau, a hotel ten meters square, nestled among bushes of clematis. Her name was Louise ond the sacred rites of matrimoony had made her Countess of Viry. The Countess was 22 rears old. Her principal accessory was a little dog, white and curly, to which they gave for food only a piece of sugar n the morning and a biscuit at night. Its name was Bella.

It was 4 o'clock. Louise was running in the sanded paths and turning around the rose trees like a butterfly that has absorbed too much nectar. From time to time she stopped to inhale with delight the perfume of a newly-opened blossom. Bel-la, full of fun, pursuied her mistrees with gleeful barks, seizing sagerly with her sharp teeth the flounces of the blue dress that Louise seemed to have filehed from a rainbow, and tugged at it with might and main. They were in the midst of their sport when M. Jacques de Beau-champ entered the garden. T' little widow, on catching sight of him, hid herself behind an orange tree. But Jacques, catching sight of her, kissed her on the

"Ah, M. de Beauchamp," she said, "that really not fair."
Louise was of Louise was of medium height. Her ands and feet were too small, her shoulders too white, her hair too thick and too black; as to her teeth, they shone so brightly when she laughed that it behooved the observer to wear smaked glasses. But how well she bore her title of widow! And in a way that did her such honor The young girl is generally timid and silly; she blushes, according to her mothdirections, for a word that is said, and always lowers her eyes at the right moment, which is unfortunate for those who do not enjoy contemplating eyelids. On the other hand, the wodow has the is spoken of, as least she knows what it means. Louise's arms were bare, her shoulders scarcely veiled by the muslin, and in showing them she knew well what she was doing. She leaned on M. de Beauchamp's arm, and both entered the drawing-room, followed by Bella, who darted jealous glances at her mistress

Louise and Jacques paired off so well that the marriage had long since been de-cided upon. Yet each had a fault; M. de Beauchamp was jealous and Mme de Viry was a flirt

"Louise," he used to say to her, "you drive me to despair. You say that you love me; this avowal came from your rost lips, but how can I believe you when ee you smiling at every one? You have for the first comer too kind a welc and when I find you cheerful, sprightly rivacious, always the center of a circle of ardent admirers, it is impossible to tell on the agony, nay, the tortures that

"What am I to do about it, dear friend?" inswered Louise. 'I am gay, that is true; but is that a crime? And why should I be sulky to people who only approach moto say agreeable things?"

"You are a flirt, and that laugh drives adorable you are, when, laughing affectedly, you throw back your head to show your white neck. "But what must I do to rove my love"

laught."
M. de Beauchamp assumed a solemn

"You once told me," he said, "that you would sacrifice your life for me. I do not ask you so much; but do you want make me the happiest of mortals?" You have only to speak."

"Even at the price of suffering?" "Even at that price." Then sacrifice to me one of your teeth." What are you asking me? That is

"Only one, a small one, in front; after-But you will find me ugly; you will not

care for me any more."
"I swear to you that there is no other way of assuring my happiness. The Countess rang. St. John, her foot-man, took her orders, and came back a quarter of an hour afterwards, followed

Who is that man?" asked M. de Beau-The little Countess answered: champ. 'It is Mr. James, an American dentlat," and went into her boudoir, followed by Bella, with her tall between her legs, as was becoming in a dog that understood that something was going to happen something serious Louise came back soon after, shame-

faced, humiliated, and gave M. de Beauhamp a little white tooth like that of then she fled and locked herself up in her Jacques had the tooht set in a little

locket, which he wore religiously around his neck like a relic. From that day the little Counters became so sad that she might have been taken for a scablous. From time to time a tare smile lighted up her face like a futrive ray of sunshine. She shunned the world, and when by chance she ventured

serious, and with her mouth shut as fas as a prison door. Jacques did not recognize her, and in truth she was much changed. "The poor Countess is ageing," said

Mrs. Grundy, "she is much changed; per-haps she is grieving for something." And Jacques felt his love cozing away drop by drop, like water from a vase of flow-ers. He understood that what he loved n her was above all her smiles, her playfulness, her gayety. He also became sad. The more he tried to retain the love that was fleeing, the more he tried to reason with himself and work himself up, the self killed his own passion.
One day he arrived at Mme. da Viry's in a state of despair.

Louise," he said, "do you siffi love "Did I not swear to love you always?" "Do you want to prove to me the sin-

ask for nothing better." Well, then, if you love me, have your What folly is this," said Louise, weeping, "I told you that you would not love me any longer! That is the way men

cerity of you words'

re! And they reproach us for being ca-"Louise, I beg of you, forgive me. I curse my blindness, my stupidity!"
Then you regret t heweakness that made me yield to your caprice?"

Regret! I am harrowed by remorae You recognize the cruelty of your de-"I will bemoan it even in the grave!"
"You would be happy if I had refused?"
I would give anything in the world for

that to have happened."

The little Counters burst into a peal of laughter that showed all her teeth. Not e was missing! "What does this mean?" arked M. da

Beauchamp, turning between his fingers the looke in which was encrusted the little pearl of sucrifice.
The Countess opened Bella's sulky jaw. saying: "Here is the victim!"
"Ah!" cried M. de Beauchamp, "you never loved me!"—From the French of Aurelian School, by Alma de L. Le Duc.

The Concluding Volleys. The war isn't over yet," said Mr. Bain

'No: the 'lterary warriors are still dis-

In rebuilding that part of Sapulpa which

Outlines of Oklahoma

There is a town in the Chickasaw na-

The Congregationalists of the thriving town of Medford will erect a new parson-

J. Duke, who killed his neighbor, was

At Mulhall recently Mr. J. F. Fitzpatrick and wife died within a few hours of

If the war in the Philippines keeps on

Washita county will have to change its

Four hundred and four votes are regis-

tered in El Reno. About seven hus will be the total.

recently burned, brick and stone are being generally used. Philosophy from the Hennessey Kleker: pering ought to be a sin." Harry Tooman of Ponca City, while riding on the trucks of a Santa Fe train, Saturday night, was killed. A week from tomorrow will be arbor day in Oklahoma. It should not be tackled without first donning an overcoat.

name to Otis.

The Kingfisher Free Press thinks that all the sins of the last legislaure are traceable to Hutto, Gandy and Houston. George E. Ford of Guthrie has invented a slot machine which doles out clears and a company has been formed to exploit it.

It is now charged against young Dal-ton at Kingfisher that he induced the woman to shoot Ricker, first getting her The weather prophets have predicted that tornadoes will be thick in Oklahoma

this summer. But the prophets know nothing about it. Harry Gilstrap, secretary of the last statehood convention, says the best thing

Governor Barnes ever did was to veto the statehood bill. man, full of had whisky, stabbed a young

man the other night. In the fight some one cut her nose off with a plank. The new street sprinkler at Hennessey has been painted gaudily by C. Fry. If some mer were named Cy. Fry they would make a fortune out of the name.

A bloyc e thief took a wheel at Perry and tried to ride away with it. Ten mile out a pedal broke and he had to abandor it. A cheap wheel somotimes saves itself. The premium stamp faker has again got his suckers into the good red blood of the Guthrie merchants. The thing has been discarded in other parts of the

Union. Justice of the Peace Ellison of Acton Logan county, in order to increase busi-nees, offers a reward of 50 cents to the first couple to present themselves before

Postmaster Beebee is advertising at Cloud Chief for those who lost Christmas packages in the mail, so that he can distribute the goods he has taken from the mail-looters.

John Mingle of Manchester advises farmers not to plant corn until the middle of May, because if they do they will wear hteir fingers out scratching earth to see if the corn has sprouted.

Two Choctaw City women started alone in a two-horse buggy to make a night drive to Luther. The team became frightened at a lonely spot and refused to go further. One of the women walked ahead with a lantern and is shaking yet at the sight. Two panthers were in the road, one lying down and the other standing. The animals disappeared and the women continued on their way.

This is the way a country correspondent in the Alva Pioneer describes a prai-rie fire: "On the afternoon of March 10th a prairie fire broke out on the south side of the settlement which was carried by a strong wind through the center of the settlement. Everybody turned out to help his friends and neighbors fight fire and each one did all in his power to stop it. but it was all in vain, for all they could fire. The citizens of Whitehorse and Redi ing to die.

horse all turned out and fought like men.

This is one of the best neighborhoods we ever knew for in sickness or trouble of the propers or trouble of the second sec neighbors in kindness. There are no pets or favorites, but each one fares alike. Af-ter the fire had passed through the setlement and the people had gone to their homes, and just as it was getting dark, the wind changed from the south to the north and the fire started on the back track to see what it could find to de-vour.( But the men did not stop to say let someone else fight fire tonight. I am ired.' Oh, no, They started at once for the place they thought in most danger and were all working like men will work, when a shower came up and put out the fire. Following is a list of the losses by fire as far as we have been able to learn them at the present date: Robert Arndi, one shed and part of feed, and pasture mrned. J. M. Ross, stable, nearlyy all his grain and all his feed. T. W. Ross, all his grain, cain stack, stable and hen house. Walter Finney, stable, all of his feed and grain, wagon box and spring seat and pasture all burned over. Also the stable on the Jimmy Ross claim. Ferbrache and Fox lost their hay. The fire was burning on Sleepers' farm when the rain stopped it further progress. Besides the feed burned, it also burned over the claims of those who lost their feed, thereby destroying their pasture for the re-imalnder of the season; besides it also burned over the claims of several newners, who had nothing to lose but their pasture, but it will make feed scarce in this community for this spring."

## Along the Kansas Nile.

At Arkansas City there are 2,480 people registered in all, 1.474 men and 1.006 w

that city. At ewton the total registration is 1,806. 1 235 men and 613 womes, the largest ever

All the innocent people in the penitentlary have not been discovered yet. Justice is not just, always. Neodesha is making a hard fight for the location of the new insune asylum, and is being helped by Fredonia.

There is some Populist laik of nominat-ing Fred Funston for governor on a Unn ticket two years hence. An Abliene woman last summer preserv ed in cans corn on the cob. Ehe served the corn the other day and it was excel-

A meeting was held at Harper the other evening, where resolutions against avat-ing Brigham Roberts of Utah were

Most of the Kansas papers are publish ing weekly "Sick Lists." The bad weather ill continues. Kansus has had six months

Father Eskridge of Emporia says that Billy Morgan owes him and will not pay him. Why don't he garnishee the state printer's fees?

Evidences of things improved is con stantly in view. G. H. Thomas is talking of buying the Kingman waterworks and starting them up. In the club circles of Topoka cigars in

celebration of births have gone out of style, and the father is expected to put up two kegs of beer. J. P. Harsha has been nominated for sayor by the Republicans of Hutchins Mrs. A. B. Constant has been negligible

for city treasurer The Twentieth Kamens was in the thick of the fight again, as brave a regiment as is on the ground. Then Twentieth is the prids of Kanssa.

Mort Albaugh says that the Republi cane will not get into a contest over the

See Our Course Dinner Menu in Tomorrow's Eagle.

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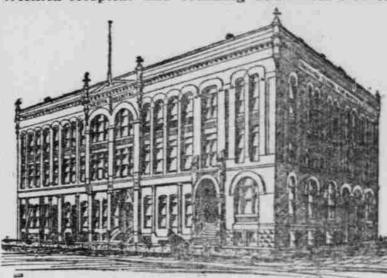
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United States senator. He will pay to MARTHA WASHINGTON HOME The Kansas boys in the Philippines now know what war is, for, when death is

are fighting civilized or savage. Five hundred gallons of wine is to be consumed at the Democratic banquet at Popeka. As no Populists will be invited, it will be more wine than whine there,

George P. Wilke of Atchison, & years old, two weeks ago went to an undertak-er's, picked out his coffin and Saturday the feed which was in the track of the night died. He said he knew he was go

> Mrs. Leasa likes McKinley, despises executes Eagan. Mrs. Lease executes Lagan because he is an Irishman and accents the last syllable in his name

At the death-bed of Mary Offil, at Au gusta last week, prayers were said and ongs sang at her own request. A friend swept victoriously through the gates." At Hiswatha during the conference when the charge was made that Rev. Embree played the slot machine, he took out a handkerchief and wept. He never played one, but a good many fellows have played them who felt like weeping Harwood Vanbrunt of Garfield, at Manila, says the American advent there has scared all the money out of its hidingand rare coins are dribbling about in eir culation, and whenever he gets a chance Throat, lieurt, Liver and Kofmeya, De-

The State Board of Education has declded that under the Grattan bill, passed by the late legislature, only the fittee ixes the involue of three years' cates to the graduates of certain busting versity is meant, but other colleges may come in provided they soluti a detail statement of their courses to the board. Cyruz Taylor, the Hutchinson young man who has twice attempted suicide be cause his girl Helan went back on him is walking obtu free. Two juries have re fused to find him insane. He will try guicide again. His latest production is a letter to his girl Helen: "Helen: If this

knew what agony I feel when I The total registration in Leavenworth the many times your little arms have eached 5,124, the largest ever known in been around my neck with four sweet lips pressed to mine and then to die believ you deceitful. My Got, my Got, why have you forsaken me. Even then, Helen, I do not blame. I love you and always will. Think kindly, if you can, of me. God bless you, little awesthearl, my dying prayer is for God to protect and bless you, my Helen. No one but you knows what we were to each other ones. If there is such a thing as a spirit retur-ing to this world mine shall ever be no This is the last you will ever hear of one that was once your loving Cyrus." Roy Farrell Green, the Arkanean City Lesis's Weekly. Here are two stancas

When Erio's sine go marching down the street, and tak ones lear

When "Harp That Once Through Tara's Halls" the band inspired plays, And thrills, as e'er it thrilled of cid, these hence of later days. A gray-haired man of business stands and

watches them go by He has no Irish \$600d to course, no Irish The while he loves his native land-from South to Northern hap-

wears a leaf of shamrock green at

each St. Patrick's day.

No one who bears his name has e'er on Irah and been burn; The scars of Yorknown, Bunker Rill, his And everyone prefixed his name-a good

No matter what that name might be, with But yours ago this Tankee true had som

A maid from sweet Killamov's value, who through the sterm and string been his bope, his comforter; and homage due to pay,

He wears a leaf of shameuck green as



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